**Cyngor Cymuned Manafon Community Council**

**Minutes of the meeting of Manafon Community Council held on**

**Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 7.30pm in New Mills Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Coppin (Chair), Davies, Benyon, Gethin, Lewis, Hall, and the temporary Clerk Sarah Yeomans

**1. Apologies**

County Cllr Yeomans

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Benyon re Green waste bin

**3.** **Public Participation Session**

 No members of the public were present

**4. Minutes of the February Meeting**

The minutes of the February meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true

 record. Proposed Cllr Benyon and seconded Cllr Davies

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

Nothing

**6. Correspondence**

a)Vyrnwy Frankton grid line proposals – notification of open events.

**7. Finance**

 a) The latest bank statement was circulated and a balance of £12,194.59 reported.

 b) One Voice Wales membership – Councillors agreed that Manafon Community Council should join One Voice Wales for 2025/26.

 c) Mrs G Benyon cuts and collects the grass in the public space in Manafon and

 Councillors resolved to pay the annual cost of £60 for the green collection bin

 supplied by Powys County Council.

 d) Four payments were unanimously approved:

 i) One Voice Wales membership - £67.00, Cheque 100464

 ii) Powys County Council Election costs 2022 - £341.68, Cheque 100465

 iii) S Yeomans Clerk, wages and expenses February - £243.75, Cheque 100466

 iv) Glenys Benyon – Green waste bin - £60, Cheque 100467

 e) **Fidelity Guarantee** – this is currently £250,000 and the council declared they were satisfied that this amount was sufficient.

f) All councillors confirmed that they had not taken the £150 per year remuneration

for 2024/25 and the clerk would forward this information on to the IRPW.

**8. Highways**

 a) It was decided that the existing bollards at Baxter Mill should be replaced to highlight the existence of the ford and the Clerk would request this.

 b) The new Manafon sign has been set in place and is now in a better position.

**9. Planning**

 Nothing to report

**10. Speed indicator signs for New Mills and Manafon**

 The Clerk was asked to find out when the speed measuring might begin.

**11. Clerk Vacancy Matters**

Interviews have now taken place for the Clerk vacancy and a successful candidate selected. This person will be offered the role with a three-month probationary period and invited along to the April meeting. It was agreed that the temporary Clerk would work alongside for the first three months at the same monthly rate.

**12. County Councillor Update**

 County Cllr Yeomans had asked for any feedback that councillors could give for him

 to pass on to Powys County Council. The general feeling was that there was a need

 for far better communication with Powys as there was an increasing level of frustration developing.

**13. Items to be reported or included on the next agenda**

a)Cllr Benyon was asked to prepare a draft asset register for the next meeting.

 b) The Clerk was asked to find out what was happening with the Rhiw Valley mast and see if MP Steve Witherden can help.

 c) Cllr Gethin asked that Tregynon Play Area be discussed at the next meeting.

**14. Date of the next meeting**

 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm